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**UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Ex. Anthony D. Barfield

Art Unit: 3636

Re: Application of:

David S. Breed et al.

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For:

Vehicular Seats Including Occupant Protection Apparatus

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**AMENDMENT**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

December 24, 2003

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 24, 2003 which set a shortened statutory period for reply expiring on December 24, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Argument** begin on page 11 of this paper.

**FIRST CLASS MAIL CERTIFICATION**

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